

Report of the State of the Order Committee

The State of the Order Committee has reviewed the pre-printed reports received by us prior to this session. We encourage you to read these reports and share them with your fellow local council members.

Report of the UCT President

We would like to thank UCT President Ken Milliser for his leadership during these difficult times for UCT and other fraternal organizations.

Report of the UCT Board of Governors

UCT Chairman of the Board Dianna Wolfe reported the Board began working on a path of change in the last several years to make UCT's future stronger and updated. Through connections with the American Fraternal Alliance, we engaged Lisa Flanary to help increase our membership. After this report it was evident that we needed to make changes quickly, which included looking for a fraternal partnership.

The Board then decided to change actuary firms after having to propose an amendment to be in compliance with a new Ohio legislation bill to keep us in compliance with the Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI). The new actuary report found that our reserves for Short Term Care were significantly low. To correct, surplus was put into reserve, severely reducing our surplus, which created a compliance risk with the new Ohio Solvency statute. Several changes were made. Legal counsel Richard Barnhart joined the project as well as legal council Tom Pampush. All through the project Dianna was kept informed and always acted with the best interest of the membership in mind.

Dianna reported that Kate Chillinsky is no longer with us. The Board wishes Kate well in her new position with the American Fraternal Alliance. Linda Fisher, David Knapp, and Anita Neal have taken over much of her job. The Board thanks them for a great job.

The Board of Governors was honored to present the first distinguished service award to David Knapp, a much-deserved award, at the 2022 Hybrid Session. Also, for the first time UCT Charities gave the Bridge of Friendship Award to two well deserving charities, The One Change, Inc. in Canada and Braveheart-Children in Need in the U.S. Each received \$5,000.

For the first time in 20 years, the Board raised the dues \$6 annually to help with benefits, projects, and administrative costs.

The Board knows we have a long way to go and our future is yet to be determined, but they are working diligently and are committed to move UCT into the future.

Dianna thanks the Board for all their hard work. She would also like to thank the project team, the past international presidents for their help. She also thanks her advisors, Jim Walsh, Glenda Dickey, and Dianna Loafman. And she sends out special thanks to her family for their support.

We would like to thank all the Board members for their hard work during this past year.

Report of the UCT Secretary-Treasurer

We want to thank UCT Secretary-Treasurer Richard Redman for all the information about our organization.

Local Council Activities

In reviewing the report of local councils' community service report, we found that our members have been very busy. It was found that approximately 77 councils turned in reports. Services included youth activities, taking care of the elderly, scholarship programs, food banks, special intellectual programs, veterans, and community programs to name a few. We found that approximately \$350,100 was donated, \$614,400 was spent on projects, and donated hours was 21,887. We came up with approximately \$614,380 spent on these projects. We commend our members on the hard work and time put into our communities. We recommend that all councils keep up the great work.

Report of the Examining Finance Committee

The Examining Finance Committee reported that this year's information has been collected again by means of email, phone calls and TEAMS meeting. The committee stated that the review was conducted in accordance with the scope, responsibility, and role the Examining Finance Committee has been given. The review was performed focusing on the issues and concerns of the UCT membership.

The committee reported that the 2022 financial statements reviewed were very limited this year as they only received 1(one) set of statements. The committee did not receive any information until April 2023 and was very limited in its ability to conduct and submit their report. A review of the final report of Milliman stated they present fairly the financial position of the Order using the statutory accounting practices required by the Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI), and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Milliman felt it necessary to use a different methodology than had been previously used. This change in valuation basis was to strengthen reserves and to meet minimum standards. This resulted in a significant increase in reserves and a large decrease in UCT surplus of \$4,261,516. UCT's final surplus was \$1,463,442.

The committee reported that while do have a surplus of \$1,463,442, the fraternal expenses for the year were up \$21,807. They stated that Milliman again reviewed and audited UCT and according to their report everything appears to be in proper order with all reports filed as needed.

The committee reported that audited financial reports for UCT Charities, Inc. were reviewed and that the combined surplus of the fund stands at \$3,561,722 as of 12/31/2022 vs \$4,013,704 on 12/31/2021. Scholarships awarded by UCT Charities, Inc. for 2021 were 31 totaling \$24,805. An additional three full year scholarships totaling \$36,000 were paid out from the Heaston Scholarship Fund. The Ann Marshall Scholarship Program awarded 26 scholarships for a total of \$18,200. The Widows' and Orphans' Benefit distributed \$12, 880 to 17 members for necessary expenses after the members death. The Fraternal Benevolent Benefit assisted 18 members with \$11,795 of benefits.

We commend the Examining Finance Committee for this detailed report.

We thank UCT President Kenneth Milliser for appointing us to this committee.

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